Telephone Advisory Committees in U.P.

122. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telephone Advisory Committees in Uttar Pradesh have been desolved after functioning for more than six months;

(b) if so, what are th reasons therefor;

(c) when are these committees likly to be reconstituted; and

(d) whether Government propose to give due representation to the members belonging to the nationally recognised political parties on these committees?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Sir, these Committees were constituted earlier but suspended for further action on 28th June, 1991.

(b) These Committees were reviewed when the new Government came into power.

(c) These Telephone Advisory Committees were reconstituted as under:

Allahabad Telephone Disrict	: 2.2.1992
Meerut Telephone District	: 19.2.1992
Ghaziabad Telephone District	: 25.3.1992
Uttar Pradesh Telecom. Circle Lucknow	: 5.2.1992

The remaining Telephone Advisory Committees of Agra, Kanpur, Lucknoy and Varanasi are under the process of reconstitution.

(d) Due consideration is given to various interests while forming the Telephone Advisory Committees.

Installation of telephone connection in Bombay

123. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) Bombay is in uttar sambles and there is rampant corruption in the installation of new telephones even those sanctioned on priority basis by his Ministry/Department of Telecommunications and on the recommendations of the Members of Parliament out of their quota, their shifting and in all other related matters;

(b) what is the normal time lag between the installation of telephone instrument in case of a new connection and the actual functioning thereof;

(c) what is the number of cases in which sanctions had been issued by his ministry/DOT and where the Telephone connections have not so far been installed as on the 16th April, 1992 and how long will it take to do the needful; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to overhaul the Managerial/Deputy Managerial set up in the MTNL, Bombay to make it efficient and business like?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Normally it takes about four to eight days to energise the telephone connection installed at a particular place.

(c) About 310 sanctions for provision of telephone connections on out of turn basis are pending as on